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1. COLONEL ABDEL HALIM, EGYPTIAN MIL ATTACHE, HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION WHICH ALLEGES THAT SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR SOVIET NAVAL USE TWO SOUTHERMOST BAJIUNI ISLANDS OF JASIRA JOWAI AND JASIRA JULA. THIS INFO, WHICH IS PROBABLY BASED ON SOMALI SOURCES, ALSO CLAIMS THAT SOVIET CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS NOW COMMENCED ON THESE TWO ISLANDS SOUTH OF CHISIMAYU.

2. COLONEL HALIM BELIEVES THAT SOVIET UNION HAS NOW DELIVERED TO SOMALI NAVY QTE NOT LESS THAN SEVEN UNQTE OSA-II'S. HE CLAIMS SDR TOOK POSSESSION OF TWO LATEST OSA-II CRAFT IN MID-DECEMBER AND THAT TWO SHIPS CARRY NUMBERS QTE 139 UNQTE AND QTE 107 UNQTE RESPECTIVELY. ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIETS HAVE DELIVERED QUANTITY OF MP-10 LIGHTERS FOR SOMALI USE AT CHISIMAYU.
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